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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 0827

STATE D/PW FOR HENDERSON

GEVENA FOR SIEVERTS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, CASC, LA

SUBJECT: AMCIN CHARLES M. DEAN

REF: STATE 025100, VIENTIANE 0832

1. EMBOFF ASKED DFA OFFICIALS FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON INFORMATION CONTAINED REF A. DFA OFFICIALS REPLIED THAT ALLEGED SIGHTING OF DEAN AND HARMAN AT HEING BANG LAST WEEK WAS A DISTORTION OF A UPI STORY FILED IN BANGKOK ON 23 JANUARY 1975 WHICH PRESUMABLY WAS BASED ON A REPORT THAT SHARMAN AND DEAN WERE SEEN IN HEING BANG IN DECEMBER 1974. THE REST OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REFTEL A WAS ERRONEOUS AND DID NOT COME FROM DFA.

2. EMBOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF DFA OFFICIALS ON SUBSTANCE OF AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE'S TALKS WITH FONMIN PHOUMI
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VONGVICHIT AND THE PRINCES REGARDING THE DEAN CASE AND

SUGGESTED THAT GOA MIGHT WISH TO FORWARD A LETTER TO LAO FOREIGN OR PRIME MINISTER REGARDING THE SHARMAN CASE AS WELL AS TO CANCEL THE PENDING VISIT OF ECON MINISTER SOTH PHETRASY TO AUSTRALIA. DFA OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY WERE AWARE OF LINKAGE BETWEEN SHARMAN CASE AND SOTH VISIT. THEY REPEATEDLY MADE THE POINT THAT THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN VIENTIANE WAS URGING DFA TO PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR THE SOTH VISIT AND STRONGLY HINTED THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE VISIT NOT BE LINKED TO THE SHARMAN CASE. DFA IS CONSIDERING HOW TO PROCEED AND WILL INFORM US WHEN A FINAL DECISION IS MADE.
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